



His **Excellency Banny de Brum**
Ambassador of the Republic of
the **Marshall Islands**
Embassy of the Republic of
the **Marshall Islands**
2433 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear **Ambassador de Brum**:

Thank you for your letter of March 12, 2001, which included a **draft** agenda for the meeting between representatives of the U S Department of Energy (DOE) and the Republic of the Marshall **Islands (RMI)** that is scheduled in Honolulu on May 2-3, 2001. We welcome the opportunity to provide status updates on DOE's medical care and environmental assessment programs, as noted in your proposed agenda, and **to continue** our joint dialogue on ways to make these programs even more effective.

With respect to your last agenda item for May 2, "[p]lans for addressing the gaps identified at the last annual meeting" is beyond the scope of DOE's congressionally mandated responsibilities. But we will be pleased to hear the **RMI** Government's views on these matters, **particularly** as they relate to the context of our medical program in the overall **RMI** national health care system.

We **look** forward to seeing you and your colleagues in Honolulu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Seligman", is positioned above the printed name.

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cc: See attached list



cc: The Honorable Alvin Jacklick,
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The Honorable Michael **Senko**,
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The Honorable Gerald **Zachios**,
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The Honorable Jeff **Bingaman**,
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The Honorable Daniel Akaka,
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The Honorable Joe Saul, Mayor, **Utrik**
The Honorable Oscar de Brum, Nuclear Claims Tribunal